

THE NEW-YORK AMUSEMENT



THE BILL FOR THIS WEEK.

Coco at Wistaria—"The Pied Piper of Hamelin" and Other Skits.

The evolution of the modern New-York summer man has been a slow and anxious process. At first a deliverer of musical nuggets in the mine of the golden treasures of Theodore Thomas and his orchestra, later a seeker after strange goddesses in the shape of weird transatlantic amusements, and later still the pampered gourmet with dishes of highly spiced entertainment on all sides of him—he has returned, or is in the process of returning, to his first love. Eschewing the free and the flippant, he is contenting himself more and more with music pure and unadorned with the eccentricities of the roof garden.

A few years ago Kallenborn tried the experiment and wooed back thousands of lovers of music for his sake. Dues followed with music, not in its setting. Walter Damrosch has just finished a short engagement of summer night concerts with his Symphony Orchestra, and now comes Richard Henry Warren, a mere novice at the business, and, contrary to expectation, is already forming a clientele of his own that will carry him safely through the summer and possibly through several summers.

Among the attractions of the roof gardens the most bizarre is the one to create the widest enthusiasm. A recent importation from no one knows where of a dancer no one knows who, whose features are perpetually masked—day and night—and whose voice is never heard—this new recruit from the music halls of Europe is captivating the town by the mystery in which she is shrouded, as well as by her grace and art of dancing. Rumor has it that she came from Russia, and that as a child she exhibited rare charm of movement, that she was seen dancing on the streets and carried off to an apartment where, Trilbylike, she was taught step by step the road to fame and emolument. It is said also that her managers saw to it that she was taken to the best paying theatres in the best paying towns and that from the start she has been a heavy winner. Warsaw, Moscow and St. Petersburg capitulated first; then followed Berlin and Vienna, and finally Paris, where she was seen by a friend of her present manager and hurried to this Mecca of Meccas for the showman.

It is hard to realize that the big Hippodrome is to close its doors on July, even for a summer vacation. It has been looked on as a refuge for all time, a harbor where one could hide in any emergency and be made young again by a visit to a combination circus and Wild West show, interrupted by a most attractive ballet. Miss Florence Mandell is one of a large family of entertainers—the entire Hippodrome staff, in short—and has done more than her share in the general scheme of merriment and entertainment.

Frank C. Bostock is celebrating his thirty-seventh birthday to-day. He is probably the only showman in the business who is entitled to the title "international." He is the owner of an arena at Coney Island, of one at Blackpool, London, and of the famous L'Hippodrome, Paris, and is running wild animal shows simultaneously in all. The features of his Paris show are a party of Abyssinians and a group of trained hyenas; at London he has a group of trained camels, and at Coney Island interest



FLORENCE MANDELL.
At the Hippodrome.

is centered in Bonavita and the lions. This, with Morelli, Rey (dies), Aurora, Miller and the others at Bostock's, makes the arena as popular a show place as is its proprietor a showman.

"The Pied Piper of Hamelin," a novelty in American vaudeville, has been engaged for Wistaria Grove and will make his New-York debut Monday after next, July 3. The Pied Piper, Hans Bunting by name, has 140 white and spotted rats, which, charmed by his piping and singing, dance and march through difficult evolutions. It is announced that they are controlled entirely by their master's music. The act has proved a success in the large cities of Germany, Austria-Hungary and other countries of Central Europe. It has never been seen in Britain or London, though it would be in the British capital now were it not for the liberal inducements held out to Bunting by the Wistaria Grove management. Bunting comes by his gift at rat-charming naturally. He is a lineal descendant of Hans Bunting, the original Pied Piper of Hamelin, who, after luring the rats from his native Hamelin, wandered through Germany, clearing village and city of their store of pests. Every schoolboy remembers his story, how honors and money came to him from a grateful people and how he rose from poverty to affluence. The present Hans Bunting was a poor man two years ago, living in a Hanover garret. His room was infested by rats, that did not seem to mind his presence. In fact, they were far too friendly. Bunting, remembering the legend of his ancestor, tried the effect of his pipe upon them with magical success. Finding that when he piped or sang he compelled them to do his will, he decided to put his strange power to profit. He obtained a large number of white rats and arranged an act that the vaudeville managers of Germany eagerly accepted.

The music played and sung by Bunting is taken from the late Adolph Neumann's once popular opera, "Der Rattenfänger von Hamelin." "The Rat Charmer of Hamelin." Bunting is said to have a good singing voice and to be an excellent piper.

Changes in the Wistaria Grove vaudeville

programme will be made to-morrow night. Three new acts will be added—the Four Lukens, experts on the horizontal bar; the Panzer Trio, comedy acrobats, and Pongo and Leo, the "Chinaman and the Athlete." Among the acts that remain are "The Girl in the Red Domino," Coco, the baboon that shows more intelligence than a good many people; Kelly and Reno, the Navarrese band, the show girls and the Wistaria Sheldons.

Edith Morton has added interest to "When We Are Forty-One." Elsie Janis and her imitations have proved to be a great success, and Harry Bulger keeps the Dr. Osler satire "up to the moment" by the timely topical allusions and new verses to his songs, "Kindly Pass the Chloroform Alone" and "Brother Masons." Novelties will be added to "When We Are Forty-One" and to the vaudeville bill every Monday night.

Klaw & Erlanger announced several weeks ago, when they outlined their policy for the summer for the New-Amsterdam Aerial Theatre and Gardens, that they would make frequent changes in the bill and introduce new features. The first change in pursuance of this scheme will be made to-morrow evening, when the Gilbert and Sullivan review will give place to a new skit by John J. McNally, called "The Whole Damm Family." This change has necessitated the engagement of a second company, which will make the roof entertainment a double bill. The action of "The Whole Damm Family" takes place at Sherry's, and is played in one act and scene. The Damm family has a reunion at Sherry's on the same night that a theatrical company is being entertained at the



JEFFERSON DE ANGELIS.
In "Fantana."

expense of a new backer. Coffey Damm, the nominal head of the family, is the husband of the actress who is being entertained by her new financial "prop." Shortly after the arrival of Damm learns that his wife is at Sherry's. Her backer is mistaken for an entirely different character. The young men of the Damm family flirt with the actresses, and are discovered by their wives. An attempt at love making by the backer is frustrated by Coffey Damm, who assumes the role of a waiter and waits upon his wife and her backer. The arrival of the backer's wife on the scene further complicates matters.

No popular concerts in New-York since the memorable Thomas series in Central Park thirty years ago have won more instant favor than have the Warren promenade concerts in St. Nicholas Garden, 66th-st. and Columbus-ave. Mr. Warren has been judicious in the arrangement of his programmes, avoiding the real heavy music, except on special nights, and being liberal with the lighter works by popular composers. As usual, five "special" programmes have been announced for the coming week, and the following arrangement will be made permanent during the remainder of the season: Monday, popular programme; Tuesday, symphonic programme; Wednesday, composers' (Italian) programme; Thursday, Wagner programme; and Saturday, request programme. At these special nights the music will not be exclusively of numbers for which the programmes have been made, but the programmes will be broken with the lighter works of different composers. The management has placed tables in a desirable part of the garden, where good seats sell for 50 cents, which is a new adjustment of prices downwards.

The bills at the four Proctor houses are as attractive as ever. At the Twenty-third Street Theatre James J. Corbett will head a bill made up of McMahon's Watermelon Girls, Miss Louise Gunning, who is confining herself to Scotch ballads; Edward Bondell and company, in "The Lost Boy"; Pat Rooney and Marion Kent, the Transatlantic Four and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Murphy.

At Proctor's Fifty-eighth Street Theatre E. E. Kidder's comedy, "A Poor Relation," will be given. It was with this story that the late Sir Smith Russell achieved one of his greatest triumphs. The leading role, Noah Vale, will be taken by Mr. Durkin, who has played it in Chicago, Boston and San Francisco. Of his many characters this is his favorite. The cast will include Grace Reals, Agnes Scott, William Norton, Robert Rogers, Louise Mackintosh, Paul Scott, Charles Arthur and George Howell. "Tennessee's Fardner" will be presented at the One-Hundred-and-Twenty-Fifth Street Theatre, with James E. Wilson as Caleb Dunn, Miss Mary Ryan as Tennessee Kent, owner of the Tennessee Mine in Arizona; Miss Beatrice Morgan as Nettie Brice, Geoffrey Stein as Tom Romaine and Sid Allen as Spike the Coroner. "The Crust of Society," an adaptation of Dumas's clever dramatic satire, will be the bill at the 5th-ave. house, with a cast headed by Elita Proctor Otis and John H. Gilmour. In the other roles will appear Mary Hampton, Grace Scott, H. Dudley Hawley, Harold Hartwell and other good players. New scenery has been provided for the revival and the gowns will be elaborate.

Tony Pastor has arranged an excellent hot weather bill for the present week. The Capital City Four will appear here in "The End of the Round-Up." Miss Bonnie Thornton will make her first appearance here in two years.

The eighty-eighth performance of "The Heir to the Throne" at the Hudson Theatre occurred last night, and a new record for hot weather successes was established by the Paul Armstrong comedy, "The Heir," which enters upon the final month of its long run at the Hudson with to-morrow night's performance. A special matinee is announced for the Fourth of July.

Frank Daniels will continue his engagement in "Sergeant Brue" at the Knickerbocker for one week more, and will then take a brief vacation.



STELLA MAYHEW.
On the New Amsterdam Aerial Theatre and Gardens to-morrow.

returning to the Knickerbocker on August 7 to resume the run of "Sergeant Brue."

No new numbers have been added to "Fantana" at the Lyric Theatre, for the simple reason that the popularity of the piece renders changes unnecessary. The house is kept cool by a special system of ventilation, and in addition there are doors on both 42nd-st. and 43rd-st. The audiences have been large during the hot spell. A special matinee is announced for Tuesday, July 4, and the 20th performance on Wednesday evening, July 5.

"The Octoroon," by Dion Boucicault, with E. J. Ratcliffe as Jacob McClosky, Tully Marshall as Wah-no-tee, the Indian chief, and Laura Wall as Zoe, the Octoroon Girl, is scheduled for the Metropolitan Theatre this week.

Henry B. Harris, manager of the Hudson Theatre, left the city yesterday for a ten days' sojourn at Mountain Lake Camp, New-Hampshire.

One of the new pictures just received from Paris at the Eden Musee is being shown on the cinematograph. It is full of exciting and laughable incidents and gives in detail the adventures of a French Count in his efforts to secure a rich American wife. Some of the beautiful scenery near the French capital is shown in this series.

Incubator chicks every fifteen minutes is the latest novelty at Luna Park. Ever since the advent of the "artificial" hen the management has been endeavoring to perfect a plan whereby the public could be treated to the sight of a continual hatch of young chickens. Hugh S. Thomas, chief electrician at Luna Park, has devised a scheme which has accomplished the desired result. The incubators, enclosed in glass, skirt the broad promenade and contain 6,000 eggs, placed in the patent hatchery at short intervals during the last three weeks. Last week the little chicks began to put in an appearance. Patrons may bring their own eggs to be hatched out and the little chickens will be farmed out in various places near the Park.

Captain J. R. Fish, New-York British army officer, has been led to accept a command of the Gordon Highlanders with the Boer War spectacle at Brighton Beach. That he should abandon his luxurious suite in the Hotel Savoy, London, and take up army life in the mimic war encampment, has caused widespread comment.

Brighton Beach Park is adding novelties each day to its already attractive amusement menage. Yesterday L. A. Thompson's scenic railway was opened to the public. This week will see the ascent of the Baldwin airship, "California Arrow." Negotiations are pending with carnival companies and animal shows, notably Hagenbeck and a dog and pony combination.



DIDA.
At Hammerstein's Roof Garden.



BEAR TAMER AT LUNA PARK.

The introduction of talented operatic singers at "The Galveston Flood," Coney Island, has been so successful that the management has decided to continue the feature, presenting a different vocalist each week.

The Frenchman who burlesques animal training at Bostock's, Coney Island, by dressing as a tramp and dusting off the lions' faces and doing other dangerous things in a careless way, is given to the motor, and has his own French-made car. He takes a daily spin about in the vicinity of Coney Island, and more than once has taken his pets with him.

ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

Academy of Sciences Expedition Ready to Start.

San Francisco, June 23.—In the case of Joseph Rebstock, one of Mayor Schmitz's administration ward workers, who was convicted of ballot box stuffing, one of his counsel this week actually tried to secure an advantage for his client by denying that he had made a verbal stipulation with Judge Lawler for a continuance in the case on a certain day. The judge naturally resented such bad faith, and Rebstock's other lawyer, who is also Police Commissioner, became so insolent that the judge fined him \$200 for contempt of court. Judge Lawler deserves the well wishes of all honest people in San Francisco, as he has conducted the cases of three ballot box stuffers with wisdom and self-control, and has had the satisfaction of seeing all three convicted, despite the efforts of the machine to save the offenders.

The Academy of Sciences expedition leaves this week for Mexico and adjacent islands. After taking out clearance papers at Ensenada, the steamer will visit San Benito, Navidad, Cerros, San Benedicto and Socorro Islands, all lying off the Mexican coast. Then a visit will be made to Cocos Island, famous for treasure hunting parties, and the Galapagos Islands. The chief work of the expedition will be put in at Galapagos. The party will be in charge of R. H. Beck, of the Academy, who has already made the trip to the Galapagos Islands, and among the members of the party will be Edward Winslow Gifford and J. S. Hunter, ornithologists; F. X. Williams, entomologist; José R. Slavin, herpetologist and W. H. Ochsen, conchologist. The Academy of Sciences already has one of the finest collections in ornithology in the country, and this expedition is expected to add materially to its treasures.

Dr. Herbert Putnam, of the Congressional Library, has received much attention on his visit here this week. He is on his way to the Portland fair, where he is to read a paper at the convention of the American Library Association.

The Robertson Raft Company, of this city, which has successfully brought several immense rafts of logs from Washington and British Columbia, now purposes to carry log rafts from Victoria to Shanghai this summer. These rafts will be towed by powerful tugs, with a tank steamer in attendance to furnish oil. A protest will probably be made by the shipping associations of the coast, as the breaking up of one of these rafts by a great storm would endanger shipping for months.

James Gamble, one of the pioneers of telegraphy on the Pacific Coast, died this week at

Santa Barbara at an advanced age. Gamble built the first telegraph line in California in 1852. He was manager of the various telegraph companies until the coming of the Western Union, when he was made superintendent of the Pacific division, which place he held until he was eighty-one.

The Mount Tamalpais Weather Observatory is to be supplied with a new seismograph for recording earthquakes, which will be finer than any other in this country, except the one at Washington. The instrument will be made at Strasburg, and a special house will be built for it on the mountain.

The American Smelters Securities Company, known as the Smelter Trust, not content with its recent acquisition of the Federal Mining and Smelting Company, one of the largest silver-lead producing mines in the country, has just purchased a large block of the stock of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining Company, for \$1,000,000. The Bunker Hill and Sullivan, the stock of which is largely owned by D. O. Mills, is in the Cœur d'Alene district of Idaho, and is said to be the world's greatest producer of silver-lead ores. Although its capitalization is only \$3,000,000, it has already paid out in dividends nearly \$4,500,000, \$2,175,000 of which has been distributed since January 1 of this year. In the present week suit has been filed against the Bunker Hill company by the Federal company, in which the latter claims \$1,000,000 as the value of ores removed by the former from a vein apexing upon the Republic Mining claim, which ad-

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THE PROPER REWARD.
"You're not going to bar me out, are you?" asked the newly arrived "rit."
"Let me see," replied St. Peter; "you were a street railway magnate, were you?"
"Yes, sir."
"Well, just hang on to one of those streets over there for a couple of thousand years or so."—Philadelphia Ledger.